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it a little bit, because I drive this every weekend, home and back. And trucks can be passing me just the same as vehicles, cars. And I think that maybe raising the fines will help a little bit to...it will also help the Patrolmen, because if they see the fines as being more, I think there will be less people speeding. So hopefully we can get them raised...the fines raised a little bit, so that would help that. But anyway, I'm going to support this amendment. I don't know how much more discussion we're going to do on it. But hopefully we can support it and get it moved on the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Stuhr, you are next to speak.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature. I found this discussion quite interesting. Just a comment and the fact that I did introduce a bill to lower the speed limit, LB 686, and that was not across the state, but only in the very high traffic areas, from York until the Douglas County line. The reason I did that is...and I think this discussion today, what are we going to do in regards to safety? I do have a report that was prepared by the Safety Management System. And it says states that did raise their speed limit beyond 65 miles an hour, and Kansas is one of those, showed a 10.2 percent increase in fatalities; Nebraska, 13.3 percent. Kansas raised their speed limit to 70 miles an hour, Nebraska 75; Missouri raised theirs to 70 miles an hour. They showed an 11.2 percent increase in fatalities. South Dakota raised theirs to 75 miles an hour, and they had a 20...over a 20 percent increase. So I think also...it also gives some states, Illinois, and these are all Midwestern states, they kept their speed limit at 65, they had a minus 4 percent. Iowa kept theirs at 65, they've had a minus 17 percent. So I think this clearly indicates that speed does have an impact on safety. I also did a traffic count between York and Omaha. Just comparing 1993 to 1997, and I think you have to realize we're in the year 1999, but the increase in number of vehicles just in certain sections rose from about 4,000 cars to as many as 8,000 cars daily in portions of this stretch of interstate. So I don't know what the answer is. I know that we're having increased traffic. And the combination of the increased speed, the statistics show that it is deadly. So thank you.